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For: METHODS FOR ISOLATION, QUANTIFICATION,
CHARACTERIZATION AND MODULATION OF
ANTIGEN-SPECIFIC T CELLS

1. RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT MAILED JULY 12, 2002;
2. RESPONSE TO OFFICE LETTER MAILED FEBRUARY 14, 2002; AND
3. PETITION FROM REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.144

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed July 12, 2002 and further, is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 14, 2002, in which the Examiner required both restriction to one of 51 groups of inventions and the election of species in these groups.

As Applicant understands it, the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was issued only because a single amended claim (claim 162) failed to properly list the alphabetic elements on both pages 1 and 2 of the Response and on the marked-up copy of the claim. Applicant further found that the same problem existed for the clean copy of claim 168. These oversights were inadvertent and have now been corrected.

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